



Mathematics Textbook Adoption

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **If a district delays the adoption of math textbooks and collects 15% of the cost of the current text for the year, will the district calculate the book rental fee in the normal method once the new book is adopted for following years?**

Yes, the district will calculate the book rental fee in the normal method (25%) once the new book is adopted for the following years.

2. **Will the delay in the adoption of math textbooks push science and health back one year so that districts will not have two subjects to review, revise and purchase in the same year?**

The subject-specific textbook adoption cycle will not change.

3. **Can you tell me what individuals from Indiana are involved in writing the Common K-12 Standards for Math and English?**

The Common Core K-12 Standards were developed by an advisory group comprised of representatives from Achieve, ACT, College Board, NASBE, and SHEEO. For more information on the participants, please visit the following link:

www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.6c9a8a9ebc6ae07eee28aca9501010a0/?vgnnextoid=60e20e4d3d132210VgnVCM1000005e00100aRCRD

4. **Do we know how closely Indiana's Academic Standards for Mathematics (2009) correlate with the Common Core Standards?**

A draft of the Common Core Standards for Mathematics was recently released to the Indiana Department of Education. We have external partners reviewing the relationship between Indiana's 2009 Standards and the Common Core Standards.

5. **Where can we access a "draft" copy of the Common Core Standards to help us with our work this year?**

Unfortunately, a draft is not available to the public.

6. Does any additional paperwork need to be submitted if districts delay adoption? Do we need to document to the state what we are doing for next year?

On December 2, 2009 the Indiana State Board of Education approved the list of mathematics textbooks that may be adopted during this textbook adoption cycle. Please consider the following three options:

Delay – The Indiana State Board of Education expects to adopt the common core standards for mathematics in 2010. This link <http://www.corestandards.org/> will explain the common core state standards k-12 initiative. By delaying adoption you can ensure your mathematics textbooks and materials are aligned with the common core mathematics standards. Corporations may choose to continue using current mathematics textbooks and instructional materials and charge a textbook fee of 15% of the total cost of the textbook currently in use I.C. 20-26-12-2(b). *Corporations will report continued use of previously adopted textbooks on the School Corporation Reports of Adopted Textbooks.*

Adopt – Corporations may elect to adopt new mathematics textbooks and instructional materials for the 2010-2011 and subsequent school years. The link to the 2009 official mathematics textbook adoption list is http://dew4.doe.in.gov/WF/TEXTBOOK/r07/2009_dpita07.cgi, and corporations will report their adoptions on the School Corporation Reports of Adopted Textbooks.

Waive – You may exercise the option of the blanket waiver and adopt a mathematics textbook or instructional material that is not on the approved list. The foundation of this option is similar to last year's social studies blanket waiver. The "Curriculum Usage Report" can be found at <http://www.doe.in.gov/olt/textbook/welcome.html> in the "important information" box on the right side of the screen. Select "Curriculum Usage Report" to download and complete the form for reporting alternative materials or textbooks not on the adoption list.

7. If we defer, will our contract with vendors extend an additional year?

The continued use provision is something that is a matter of choice for schools and provides a way for limited cost recovery.

8. How can we decide whether to adopt this year or delay?

A memo to superintendents will be released around January 4, 2010 with additional information regarding how and when the Common Core Standards will be implemented and aligned to ISTEP +.

9. In regards to the delay option, would you recommend a one year delay or multiple years?

There is no limit on the length of the delay. Superintendents will receive a memo around January 4, 2010 informing corporations how and when the Common Core Standards will be implemented and aligned to ISTEP +.

10. Will math textbooks be available that align with the Common Core Standards one year from now?

It is reasonable to expect that many textbook companies will align their texts and materials to the Common Core Standards.